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In 1986, Ms. Santos began her career in Law Enforcement with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS) as a Corrections Officer.  Upon being afforded several opportunities for career advancement, she achieved the rank of Assistant Deputy Superintendent/PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Compliance Coordinator and, in 2014, became a certified PREA Auditor with the Department of Justice (DOJ).  While employed with NYSDOCCS, she received specialized training regarding Security Threat Groups, Crisis Intervention, Investigative Interviewing and basic Firearms/Chemical Agents training.

As a recent retiree, Ms. Santos is currently a member of the Board of Directors as the Vice President and kitchen volunteer at the South End Children’s Café in the South End of Albany, NY.  The mission of the South End Children’s Cafés is to address food equity and food insecurities, enhance our youth's academic success, and positively influence their physical and mental health by offering free, healthy meals and after-school homework assistance.